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Maurine Smith

In the frosty noon.
Think you
The dandelion is a sun
To warm your body through?

WIND

Gulls take veering way
Through the fresh day;
Crisp brown oak-leaves whirl and rise.
Though my heart flies,
I must go
Carefully and slow.

Eager is the wind, shy
As any butterfly—
I'll not blur life with my frosty breath,
Nor think again of death!

SWALLOWS BRUSH A POOL

Let there be end of talk of good and evil,
Thirst, hunger and the rest . . . Beauty has given
The white gift of a cherry petal
To brood upon.

Maurine Smith